



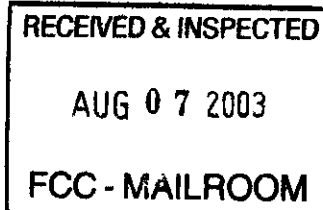
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Workers of America**  
AFL-CIO Local 4900

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August 1, 2003



Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Commission Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D. C. 20554

Re: Docket 03-167

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Local 4900 of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) strongly and unequivocally supports SBC's application to compete in the business of offering long distance service in Indiana.

CWA Local 4900, a statewide local in Indiana, and CWA District 4 Vice President Jeff Rechenbach join many other individuals and groups of every stripe in supporting SBC's application. CWA District 4 encompasses the states of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin and Michigan.

CWA believes that, on the merits, the FCC should grant SBC permission to enter the long distance market at the earliest possible opportunity. SBC's entry into the long-distance market would mean that Indiana workers, businesses, taxpayers and consumers would benefit from full telecommunications competition – in both local and long-distance – just as more than 40 other states already do. These important benefits include more choices, lower rates, increased innovation and investment, and the opportunity to have all telecommunications services bundled together on one bill.

As President of Local 4900, I can testify to the consistently high quality of SBC's products and services and the importance of SBC to the economic future of working families in Indiana. SBC currently employs over 6,000 Indiana workers, including 4,000 union members. Moreover, SBC is a good corporate citizen with a very positive record of working with the CWA to preserve and expand career opportunities in our state.

I encourage the Federal Communications Commission to take the steps necessary to allow SBC to offer this service in Indiana without further delay.

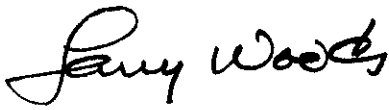
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If you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Larry Woods, President  
CWA Local 4900

Cc: Jeff Rechenbach

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
 Federal Communications Commission  
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Petition for Clarification  
Proceeding #02-278 TCPA

Dear Ms. Dortch

The CBCE<sup>™</sup> (*The Center for Biomedical Continuing Education*) is an accredited provider of continuing medical education for physicians as well as continuing education for nurses and pharmacists. With regard to the subject proceeding, we respectfully petition for clarification on two specific business practices of essential value in the delivery of our educational offerings.

First, within the normal course of business, we offer continuing education opportunities to healthcare professionals at no cost to the participants. Such opportunities are of great value to participants, as continuing education credits are needed for re-certification and/or license renewal. These educational activities are funded by educational grants from commercial supporters. There are no sales activities allowed at such activities and participants are not invited or encouraged to purchase any type of goods or services from the CBCE.

Our educational activities vary and therefore so do the target audiences. We have sponsored activities targeting healthcare professionals specializing in immunology, oncology, MRI, depression, etc. Often times these activities are conducted in conjunction with a major medical conference as satellite events to the medical association's annual meeting. These forthcoming activities are announced to the appropriate physician specialties via facsimile. Therefore, it is not feasible to maintain multiple permission fax databases for healthcare professionals within the many therapeutic specialties when it is our obligation as an accredited CME provider to offer the activities to the entire target audience for the activity.

Based on the ongoing need for continuing education and the fact that the activities offered are free of charge, we would consider such communication of business value and are not commercial advertisements. We respectfully request your clarification if such announcements via fax are permissible within the scope of the updated TCPA.

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The Center for Biomedical Continuing Education is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians

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Secondly, we invite local hospitals and others throughout the country to host these free educational activities. Again, there is no charge to the hospital and in fact, we often provide a stipend to the host institution to cover any administrative costs that it may incur associated with hosting the activity. The hospitals are then able to offer the continuing education opportunity to their in-house staff and local healthcare professionals. The hospital is not invited or encouraged to purchase any type of goods or services from the *CBCE*.

Many times, these educational activities are presented based on availability of a host institution and a faculty member/presenter and are scheduled and presented within a very tight timeframe. The most efficient way to acquire a host and notify healthcare professionals is via facsimile. In this instance too, we request your clarification that inviting a hospital via facsimile to host an educational activity would be permissible within the scope of the updated TCPA.

Thank you for your consideration of the above; we look forward to your favorable response. If you have any questions or require further clarification, do not hesitate to contact me at 214-260-0036 or via e-mail at [dhenderson@thccbce.com](mailto:dhenderson@thccbce.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Henderson", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Deborah Henderson, MA  
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